1	2	3	4	5
75	Orissa	Ib River	Dip side of Rampia	360
76	Orissa	Ib River	Dip side of Meenakshi	350
77	Orissa	Ib River	Dip side of Manoharpur	350
78	Orissa	Ib River	Meenakshi B	250
79	Orissa	Talcher	Sakhigopal B	600
80	Orissa	Talcher	Chendipada II	1000
81	Orissa	Talcher	Mandakini B	1200

Thermal Power Stations

630. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thermal Power Stations are facing shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the action that has been taken to provide coal supply to the Thermal Power Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) to (c) As on 19.10.2008, 51 Thermal Power Stations in the country were carrying coal stocks of less than 7 days. Various factors have led to the stock depletion in respect of certain power plants. These factors, *inter-alia*, include import of only 65% of planned imports during 2007-08 and 43% of planned imports during April-September, 2008 by power utilities, loading/unloading and movement constraints, short-term production constraints in the linked sources due to excessive rains during monsoon, law and order problems in some coal companies etc. Moreover, due to factors like increase in Plant Load Factor (PLF) and increase in specific coal consumption, there has been increase in consumption of coal by existing power plants.

As against the Annual Action Plan (AAP) target of supply of 150.472 million tonnes of coal to power utilities by Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), the actual supply during April-September, 2008 was 152.163 million tonnes, showing materialization of about 101%.

An Inter-Ministerial Sub-group, presently headed by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, regularly reviews the coal stock position in various power utilities which are having less than 7 days coal stock and take appropriate and plant specific measures to ensure that adequate coal supplies are maintained to such power plants.

Coal India Limited

†631. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mines allocated to Coal India Limited in 2004 were having a coal reserve of 93 billion tonnes;

(b) if not, the quantum thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that mines having reserve of 10 billion tonnes have been allocated to captive sector, so far;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the facts thereof;

(e) the total number of coal blocks allocated to Coal India Limited in 2008 and the quantum of coal reserves of these blocks; and

(f) whether Coal India Limited has decided to import coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) and (b) In 2004, no mine has been allocated to Coal India Limited. However, in 2004, Coal India Limited had 92.5 billion tonnes of coal resources in blocks and existing mines.

(c) and (d) Government has so far allocated 193 coal blocks with geological reserves of about 41.81 billion tonnes. Out of the total blocks allocated, mining lease in respect of one block has been declared void and three blocks have been deallocated.

(e) Coal India Limited has not been allocated any coal block during 2008. However, Coal India Limited had carved out new coal blocks from the balance regionally explored areas. Out of the newly carved blocks and earlier identified non-CIL blocks, Coal India Limited has sought to retain 138 coal blocks with geological reserves of about 57.57 billion tonnes for increasing coal production during the XII Plan and beyond to meet the rising demand for coal.

(f) Coal India Limited is entrusted with the responsibility of meeting the full requirement of coal by resorting to imports, if necessary.

Coal-to-Oil Projects

632. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether to meet the persistent energy crisis Government proposes to allot coal acreages to private players setting up Coal-to-Oil Projects;

(b) whether private players have evinced interest in setting up such Coal-to-Liquid projects with technical collaboration from Norwegian, German and South African companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) The Government has invited applications from public and private sector companies for allocation of coal blocks for Coal to Liquid project.

(b) and (c) In response to the advertisement, 28 applications were received from 22 applicants. The technical collaborations proposed by the applicants is with foreign companies such as Rentech Inc., Syntroleum Corporation from the United States of America, Siemens, CHOREN Exports, Unde, Lurgi from Germany, and Sasol Syntroleum International Pvt. Ltd. from South Africa.

Open coal mines in Chhindwada district

633. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consent has been given to start an open coal mine at Badkuhi village under Parashia Teshil of Chhindwada district;